

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 24th January 2016

Contest Results

Results of the IRTS 80 Metres Counties Contest held on New Year's Day have been published; see our Contest Results page at www.irts.ie/results for details, including section winners. Almost all EI and GI counties were active during the contest, only Carlow and Cavan recorded no QSOs. 51 station logs were submitted, allowing 70% of QSOs to be cross-checked; in the subsequent adjudication process, log data sent and received was reviewed. The Contest Manager has asked us to remind entrants that it is important that the data sent as well as reports received be accurately logged.

Our next contest is a one-hour 80 metres evening contest on Tuesday 9th February at 20:00 UTC, more details in next week's bulletin.

Return of Cups and Trophies

The 2016 IRTS AGM will be held on the weekend of the 9th and 10th April. Jim Holohan EI4HH Awards Manager, requests that the 2015 Cup and Trophy award holders return their awards as soon as possible, this makes it much easier for the Awards Committee to prepare them for the new recipients. Cups and Trophies can be returned to Peter EI4HX at QTHR or to any IRTS Committee Member. Also, anybody who intends to enter a project for the Folan Shield (home constructed equipment) should familiarise themselves with the rules and requirements in order to avoid embarrassment to all parties on the day.

Tipperary Amateur Radio Group

On Tuesday 12th January 2016 last, members of the Tipperary Amateur Radio Group met at The Park Hotel in Clonmel at 8pm for their Annual General Meeting. The meeting was well attended with group members travelling from County Kilkenny, County Waterford and County Cork joining their County Tipperary based colleagues. Hugh EI2HI chaired this very productive meeting with John EI7IG reading the minutes from last years AGM. The group treasurer Thomas EI2IT reported a healthy financial situation for the amateur radio group; which was formed in October 1994.

A review of the year and the group activities was then discussed at length. Particular praise was given to Eddie EI3FFB for reading the weekly IRTS news every Sunday

evening at 8.30pm on 145.450MHz FM and his efforts were very much appreciated.

The new incoming committee was then elected. The venue for all group meetings in 2016 will continue to be held at The Park Hotel, Clonmel, County Tipperary. The meeting concluded at 11.30pm when Hugh EI2HI thanked all for their input and efforts in attending this most important event of the calendar year for TARG. The new committee was elected as follows:-

Chairman; Hugh O'Donnell EI2HI Vice Chairman; Eddie Kavanagh EI3FFB
Secretary; John Ronan EI7IG Treasurer; Thomas Hallinan EI2IT Group PRO; Paul Norris EI3ENB

South Eastern Amateur Radio Group

The South Eastern Amateur Radio Group radio theory course will commence tomorrow night Monday 25th January at 7pm sharp in room C39 at the Waterford Institute of Technology, Cork Road, Waterford.

Room C39 is located on the first floor of the main building and students are asked to be in attendance 15 minutes prior to the start time. The course will cover all areas of the syllabus required to sit the Harec exam and will run for 16 weeks. SEARG January meeting is cancelled due to the start of radio theory classes tomorrow night. Anyone interested in attending classes may come along tomorrow night or contact Sean EI2HZB on 083-1379764

The SEARG 2016 AGM will take place on Monday 29th February 2016 at 8pm sharp in the Roanmore Social & Sports Club, Cleaboy Road, Waterford.

All members are asked to attend and new members are very welcome.

For up-to-date news about the South Eastern Amateur Radio Group and it's activities you can check our website www.searg.ie and please also follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

Coolmine Rally February 2016

The Coolmine Rally operated by the Phoenix Amateur Radio Club will take place at Coolmine Community School, Grove Road, Dublin 15, D15 FW97 on Sunday 14th February 2016. Doors open 10am.

Contact number for enquiries, tables etc Tony 087 2439997

The Next IRTS Committee Meeting Saturday 20th February

The next Committee Meeting will be on Saturday 20th February in Athlone. Members who wish to have an issue raised at the meeting should contact the Secretary Ger EI4GXB at secretary(at)irts.ie

Fingal Radio Club EI2FRC

The call in on the 2 metres repeater, operated by Fingal Radio Club EI2FRC, and Dermot EI2HD is now happening on Thursday nights at 7.30pm. This is a change from Wednesday night to Thursday night.

Please support this initiative and keep 2 metres alive. Remember if you don't use it you may lose it.

Kells Radio Club EI7KRC

Cavan repeater EI2LLX and its cross-band links are not operational due to its power source, a 5Kw wind turbine, being damaged during the recent wind storm..

DX News

Roly ZL1BQD will be QRV from Raratonga in the South Cook Islands until 7th February. He is using the callsign E51RJR on CW on all bands 80m to 10m. QSL to his home call.

Dagoberto CE5COX will operate as 3G9JA from Hornos Island from 1st to 6th February. This one counts as SA-031 for the Islands on the Air Award. QSLs go to CE5JA.

Stan WS5K will be active as 5H2SF from Dar Es Salaam in Tanzania from 26th January to 10th February.

Jean-Paul HB9ARY will operate holiday-style as 3B8HC from Mauritius from 23rd January to 8th February. He will be on all bands 10m to 80m with priority given to 80m. QSL direct to NI5DX.

Gene N9SW will sign FJ/N9SW from the Caribbean island of St Barthelemy from

28th January to 9th February. He will mainly be on CW and cards go to his home call.

Items for inclusion in next week's Radio News can be submitted via e-mail to "newsteam /at/ irts / dot / ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Urgent news items for the radio news may be telephoned to the radio news editor, Aidan, EI7JC on 085 7100511.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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